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In Re Application of:

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For: Automated Instant Messaging State Control Based Upon Email Persona Utilization

## **RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop: RCE  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of October 31, 2007, please consider the enclosed remarks and amendments. In accordance with 37 U.S.C. §1.114, a Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this Response to the final Office Action so that the final Office Action mailed October 31, 2007 is effectively made non-final.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.